The same quantity was allotted in previous quarter also. A quantity of 15,000 tonnes of Palmolein was allotted to Andhra Pradesh for October, 1986.

Rise in price of essential commodities

438. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of essential commodities are rising fast, if so, the details of the rise in prices of food grains, pulses,vegetables, poltry products, edible oils, sugar and vanaspati during the last year; and

(b) what are the counter measures undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K-L. BHAGAT): (a) During the last one year ending 18-10-1986, prices of some essential commodif/es having gone up and some have declined. Percentage variation in the Wholesale Price Indices of selected commodities over the last one year ending 18-10-86 is given in the enclosed Statement. *(See* below)

(b) Government have been taking a number of steps to keep the prices of essential commodities in check and to improve the availability. The major thrust of Government policy has been to increase the production of various essential commodities, particularly those which are in short supply. Som? essential commodities like edible oils and Kerosene oil re imported in order to augment-

their domestic availability. Exports of several essential commodities whi ch are in short supply in the country are either banned or regulated. The Public Distribution System through which essential commodities like foodgrains, sugar and edible oils are distributed to the common people at reasonable prices, is being strengthend and expanded. Allocation of foodgrains to Public Distribution System (PDS) has been kept at a high level this year. Allocation of imported edible oils to PDS was increased substantially during the last few months. Allocation of levy sugar was increased during September-October 1986 to meet higher demand. Foodgrains at cheaper prices are being supplied to people in tribal areas and under special schemes, namely, National Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme. State Governments have been urged from time to time to take prompt action against those inducling in malpractice;, and to strictly enforce the various provisions of Essential Commodities Act and similar legislations.

Statement

Percentage variation in the wholesale price Indices of selected commodities during the last one year ending 18-10-86

Item	Percentage variation beween week ending 19-10-85 is and week ending 18-1-86
1	2
Rice	+7.7
Wheat	+5.2
Jowar	+2' 2
Bajra	—5.5
Gram . . . . ."	—32.5
Arhar	+23.S
Moong	—714

1	2
Masur	—1 .6
	—1.7
Potatos	+ 108 4
Onions	+ 38.7
Milk	+ 5.4
Eggs .	—0-5
Fish .	—9.4
Meat . . .	,+12.8
Chillies . .	—48.4
Tea . .	+20.5
Coke	+ 5-4
Kerosene	+7-2
Atta . .	+23,2
Sugar	+7.1
Gur . .	+ 16
Vanaspati	+23 0
Groundnut Oil	+ 39.1
Mustered Oil	+ 51 .5
Coconut Oil .	+ 57.3
Gingelly Oil . .	+38.8
Salt . .	—4.0
Cotton Cloth (Mills)	+0.7
Soap	+5.5
Matches . .	Steady-.
All commodities	+6-3

Recognition of CPWD workers Unions

439. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister' of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are Unions /Associations for different categories of staff in the CPWD which are recognised ;

(b) if so, the details thereof

(c) whether it is also a fact that recognisation was granted in December 1983, in the case of one such Union for "Workers in the CPWD" without detailing the categories of staff; and

(d) if so,-which categories of staff are covered by the said Union ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) The list of recognised Unions/ Associations in CPWD is given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below)

(c) Yes.

(d) All 'Workers' in CPWD are, covered by the Industrial Dispute Act, 1947.

Statement

List of recognised Unions I Associations in CPWD

(i) The CF.S, Class I Direct Recruits Association.

(ii) CES and CEES Class II, Direct Recruits Association.

(iii) The CPWD Engineers Association.

(iv) CPWD Architects' Associations.

(v.) CPWD Architectural Assis-tants/Assistants (Architectural Department) Association.

(vi) Hoticultural SectionOfficers' Association.

(vii) CPWD Non-Gazetted Staff Association.

(viii) CPWD Junior Engineers Association (India).

(ix) CPWD Engineering & Drawing Staff Association.

(x) Graduate Junior Engineers Association, CPWD.

(xi) AMIE Junior Engineers Association, CPWD.

(xii) CPWD Staff Associition (Eastern Zone/Calcutta).

(xiii) CPWD Workers' Union, New Delhi.

(xiv) All India CPWD Employe, es Union, New Delhi.